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DIVISION

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING

REF: STATE 268041

1. DIRECTOR OF NEPAL CUSTOMS WELCOMES OFFER (REFTEL) TO
SEND FOUR CUSTOMS OFFICERS FOR TRAINING PROGRAM IN U.S.
FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 28. MINISTRY OF FINANCE, HOWEVER, UNABLE
TO FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.

2. GIVEN LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HMG NORMAL AID
PRACTICE IN NEPAL IS TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES BEYOND TERMINAL
POINTS OF NEW DELHI AND BANGKOK, WHICH ARE SERVED BY RNAC,
NEPAL'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED AIRLINE. EMBASSY STRONGLY
RECOMMENDS THAT WE OFFER TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SINCE
THIS WOULD BE FIRST ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY NEPALESE
CUSTOMS IN U.S. TRAINING PROGRAM. NEPAL HAS EVIDENCED
INCREASED INTEREST IN NARCOTICS CONTROL IN RECENT MONTHS
AND HAS AGREED TO HOST U.S. TRAINING TEAM HERE IN MARCH.
WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INTEREST SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED SINCE
IMPROVED CUSTOMS AND ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL IN CONTROL OF
HASHISH AND HASHISH OIL BEING EXPORTED FROM NEPAL.

3. PLEASE INFORM SOONEST WHETHER WE CAN FUND TRAVEL FOR
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FOUR PARTICIPANTS. IF SO, BIO INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

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